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SUBJECT: DHEW/PHS/SFCP JOINT FUND PROJECT 02-003-1,  
NEURAL CORRELATES OF BEHAVIOR

REF: A) BELGRADE 5046 B) STATE 235306  
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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED PASS SOONEST FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
TO DR. MORRIS JONES, CHIEF, SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY  
PROGRAM, NIH, WHO IS IN YUGOSLAVIA ON PRIVATE BUSINESS.  
JONES PLANNING BE IN BELGRADE OCT. 21 AT SLAVIJA HOTEL.  
JONES PLANNING MEET WITH PROFESSOR LJUBISA RAKIC, PRINCIPAL  
INVESTIGATOR, SUBJECT PROJECT, AND SHOULD RECEIVE  
INFORMATION BEFORE MEETING. BEGIN MESSAGE:

2. DHEW HAS BEEN ADVISED(REF C) PROFESSOR RAKIC HAS NO  
MONEY LEFT FROM EITHER THE LAST NIH PAYMENT OR THE JOINT  
FUND PAYMENT FOR 6 MONTHS PERDIEM FOR GREEN, WHO IS NOW  
IN YUGOSLAVIA. RAKIC HAS ASKED NIH TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT  
TO GREEN FROM U.S. TRAVEL FUNDS. AT PRESENT OFFICIAL  
PERDIEM RATE OF \$35 PER DAY, THIS WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY  
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\$6300 (106,533 DINARS).

3. NIH HAS RECEIVED TWO FISCAL REPORTS(REF D) FOR PERIOD

7/24/73-10/17/74, ACCOUNTING FOR LAST NIH PAYMENT OF 5,176,776 DINARS AND 10/17/74-7/15/75, ACCOUNTING FOR FIRST JOINT FUND PAYMENT OF 1,594,000 DINARS.

4. ACCORDING TO FISCAL REPORT ALL FUNDS PROVIDED BY NIH HAVE BEEN FULLY UTILIZED AND THERE SEEM TO BE NO MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT 4. TWO AREAS REQUIRING CLARIFICATION ARE: (1) THE REPORTING OF "SALARIES" FOR SIMINOFF, ORKAND, LOMAX, GAIL BREEN, AND OTHERS UCLA. THESE MAY IN FACT BE PERDIEM, ALTHOUGH ISSUE IS CONFUSED BY FACT AND ADDITIONAL 774,323 NEW DINARS WAS USED FOR TRAVEL AND PERDIEM OF U.S. SCIENTISTS IN YUGOSLAVIA. OF THE 774,323 NEW DINARS, 365,757 WAS FOR DR. SIMINOFF ONLY. (2) THE SALARY OF DR. RAKIC IS 202,160 DINARS FOR THE NINE-MONTH PERIOD, WHICH SEEMS HIGH, PARTICULARLY IF HE IS RECEIVING A SALARY FROM THE INSTITUTE FOR BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH.

5. THE REPORT ON JOINT FUND MONEY SHOWS SEVERAL MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND THE APPROVED BUDGET; E.G. 540,401 DINARS FOR SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS AS COMPARED TO 352,000 DINARS IN BUDGET; 307,964 DINARS FOR SALARIES AS COMPARED TO 296,000 DINARS, 234,555 DINARS FOR DOMESTIC TRAVEL KOTOR COMPARED TO 137,000 DINARS. THE SALARIES WERE 188,584 DINARS FOR SIMINOFF; 101,080 DINARS FOR RAKIC; AND 91,504 IVANUS. NO MONEY REMAINS.

6. SALARY, TRAVEL, AND PERDIEM FOR THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD FOR SIMINOFF PARTICULARLY CONFUSING. THE TOTAL AMOUNT REPORTED IS 632,541 DINARS(\$37,406 EQUIVALENT). VOGEL, OIH, SPOKE TO DR. JOHN FRENCH RE FUNDING ARRANGEMENT FOR SIMINOFF. FRENCH ADVISED THAT \$7,920 EQUIVALENT PER YEAR OR \$660 EQUIVALENT PER MONTH TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE PROJECT FOR SIMINOFF'S EXPENSES. ADDITIONALLY, YUGOSLAVS TO PAY \$6,500, IN DOLLARS NOT CHARGEABLE TO PROJECT FOR SALARIES. UCLA TO PAY \$3,000 PER YEAR. IT WOULD APPEAR UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE IMPROPERLY CONVERTED PROJECT MONEY TO PROVIDE SIMINOFF WITH THE \$6,500 IN SALARY. IN ANY EVENT, THE COST OF SIMINOFF'S SERVICES, OTHER SALARY, NON-SPECIFIC DOMESTIC TRAVEL TO KOTOR HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO FACT NO MONEY REMAINS.

7. THREE OPTIONS OPEN RE FUNDING FOR GREEN PERDIEM AT THIS JUNCTURE. IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE THESE ARE: (1)

ASK RAKIC TO EXPLORE RESOURCES WITHIN HIS OWN INSTITUTE TO PAY GREEN PERDIEM; (2) REQUEST THAT SECOND PAYMENT FROM JOINT FUND BE MADE ASAP; (3) CHARGE TO REMAINING DHEW PROJECT OFFICER MONEY. OPTION 1 PREFERABLE SINCE SOME EXPENDITURES AS NOTED ABOVE--E.G. DOMESTIC TRAVEL TO KOTOR, SALARIES, PAYMENTS IN FAVOR OF SIMINOFF ARE QUESTIONABLE. OPTION 2 ACCEPTABLE SINCE ANNIVERSARY DATE OF JOINT FUND PAYMENT IS OCTOBER 10. BEFORE PURSUING THIS OPTION, HOWEVER, URGE THAT JONES ARRIVE AT FIRM UNDERSTANDING WITH RAKIC RE STIPEND FOR U.S. PARTICIPANTS AND REVISE BUDGET ACCORDINGLY. OPTION 3 NOT DESIRABLE SINCE THIS WOULD DEplete DHEW RESERVE AND NOT ALLOW SUFFICIENT MONEY FOR TRAVEL BY DR. FRENCH AND DR. LOMAX.

8. FRENCH AND VOGEL RECOMMEND JONES DISCUSS WITH RAKIC DESIRABILITY OF ARRIVING AT A STIPEND FOR LONG-TERM U.S. PARTICIPANTS THAT REFLECTS ACTUAL LIVING COSTS IN KOTOR AREA. U.S. PARTICIPANTS MIGHT RECEIVE FULL OFFICIAL U.S. PERDIEM RATE FOR ONE MONTH, DROPPING TO MORE REALISTIC LEVEL FOR KOTOR AREA FOR REMAINING MONTHS. THIS WOULD HELP CONSERVE LIMITED RESOURCES.

9. FYI. PREVIOUS FISCAL REPORT SUGGESTS THAT RAKIC ANNUAL SALARY RATE FOR YEARS 1968 THROUGH 1972, 48,000 DINARS PER YEAR. AMOUNTS CHARGEABLE TO PROJECT WERE: 68/69-16,500 DINARS; 69/70-7,500 DINARS; 70/71-16,000 DINARS; 71/72-16,000 DINARS. INGERSOLL

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